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## STATUS OF FIRES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY - OCTOBER 23, 2007, 3:00 P.M.

The Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) was activated on Sunday, October 21, 2007, at 12:40 p.m. in response to the multiple fires currently burning in the Los Angeles County Operational Area. A status update to the previous report, dated October 22, 2007, is provided in **bold** print.

- **"Magic Fire" - Stevenson Ranch**
  - **Approximately 1,500 acres burned**
  - **Fire is currently 40% contained**
  - **No structures reported damaged or destroyed**
  - **250 fire personnel on scene**
- **"Canyon Fire" - Malibu**
  - Estimated **4,400** acres burned
  - Approximately **8** structures destroyed and **14** damaged
  - Fire is currently **15%** contained
  - **500 homes evacuated**
  - **900 structures threatened**
  - **898** fire personnel and **96** law enforcement personnel on scene
  - City of Malibu EOC is **at Level 2**
  - Evacuation site has been set up at Malibu High School

- “Buckweed Fire” - Canyon Country/Agua Dulce area
  - Estimated **37,812** acres burned
  - **2** fire fighters and 3 civilians have been injured; **condition unknown**
  - **5,500** homes currently threatened
  - **32** structures, **40 vehicles**, and **1** bridge destroyed
  - Fire is currently **27%** contained
  - About 5,500 homes are threatened and 15,000 people are being evacuated
  - **1,200** fire personnel on scene
  - **288** law enforcement personnel on scene at the Buckweed and Ranch fires
  - City of Santa Clarita EOC is at **Level 1**
- “Ranch Fire” - near Castaic
  - Estimated **54,518** acres burned
  - Fire is 10% contained
  - Fire officials expect the fire to be contained by October 31, 2007
  - Approximately **600** homes have been threatened with **4** structures destroyed
  - **767** fire personnel on scene
  - **100 homes have been evacuated**
- “Meadow Ridge Incident Fire” - near Santa Clarita
  - **25 acres burned**
  - **Fire started at 4:08 a.m. at San Fernando Road and Meadow Ridge Drive**
  - **No structures are threatened**
  - **There are no evacuations or road closures at this time**

The County's 2-1-1 information line has been set up for residents to call for assistance and referrals; call 2-1-1 or (800) 980-4995. **As of 6:00 a.m., Southern California Edison (SCE) estimates approximately 15,000 customers are without service. In some cases, SCE crews have not been allowed to enter areas affected by the wildfires due to uncertain fire conditions.**

All County Fire resources are deployed and Mutual Aid resources have been requested from the State. FEMA has approved Fire Management Assistance Grants (FMAG) to assist with the cost of fighting the fires. **On Tuesday, October 23, 2007, the President of the United States declared a State of Emergency which will provide financial assistance for certain emergency protective measures.**

The State proclaimed a State of Emergency on Sunday, October 21, 2007. The County proclaimed a Local Emergency on Sunday, October 21, 2007, which **the Board of Supervisors ratified at their October 23, 2007, meeting.**

At this time, the County of Los Angeles and the City of Santa Clarita are the **ONLY** local jurisdictions that have proclaimed local emergencies. The City of Malibu will proclaim a Local Emergency as soon as possible. **The cities of Beverly Hills, Santa Clarita, and Malibu have all activated their Emergency Operations Centers.**

## **DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**

### **Sheriff**

- **1,455** inmates housed at the Pitches Detention Center - South Facility were transported to the North County Correctional Facility (NCCF) as a precautionary measure. **700 inmates returned to South Facility. 500 inmates from NCCF were transferred to Men's Central Jail over night.**

### **Mental Health**

Mental Health/Crisis Counseling Operations - Mental Health has set up a hotline for assistance; the number is (800) 854-7771.

- **One Mental Health clinician has been placed at Saugus High School and one placed at Golden Valley High School to provide crisis counseling through midnight.**

### **Animal Control**

Staff is deployed at fire locations and is working to evacuate animals from threatened areas as needed.

- Lancaster Shelter is accepting only horses. **They currently have 41 horses with room for 20 more.**
- Castaic Shelter is accepting only small animals.
- Pierce College Shelter is accepting only horses. **They currently have 153 horses with room for another 80-90 horses.**
- Agoura Shelter has no restrictions on accepting animals.

### **Beaches and Harbors**

Parking lot restrooms at Zuma Beach are open to the public for evacuation and related functions. Malibu has activated its emergency permit with Beaches and Harbors which allows them to include tents, tables, chairs, etc. **Parking lots and restrooms at Will Rogers Beach are open to the public on a 24-hour basis.**

### **Health Services**

Under a mutual aid assistance request, five ambulances were sent to San Diego County to assist in the transport of patients from a hospital that is being evacuated.

### **Parks and Recreation**

**Two fire areas have flared up next to Hart Park and the fire moved into the southeast corner of the park. Firefighters were able to contain the fire and staff is preparing to evacuate in the event the winds again shift and the fire comes back into the park.**

### **Probation**

Five County Probation Camps have been evacuated:

- Camp Gonzales (inmates moved to Camp Miller)
- Camps Munoz and Mendenhall (inmates moved to Challenger in Lancaster)
- Camps Scott and Scudder (inmates moved to Nidorf)

### **Public Works**

- **Crews are continuing to assess infrastructure damage and clear roads. Building inspectors are waiting until the fire danger has passed to perform inspections on damaged or destroyed buildings in the County's jurisdiction.**
- A timber-truss bridge on Vasquez Canyon Road is a complete loss.
- **Estimated damage to Public Works infrastructure is \$2.164 million.**
- **Facilities using alternate power sources: Malibu Treatment Plant, Winter Canyon and Malibu Beach Pump Stations, and Serra Tank.**

### **Public Library**

- **Malibu Library is still being used by County Fire as part of the staging area and will remain closed. Canyon Country Library was scheduled to open for business today. Bookmobiles serving the Las Virgenes, Santa Clarita, and Antelope Valley areas will not operate today.**

### **School Status - Wednesday**

#### All Schools Closed

Newhall School District

Saugus Union School District

Sulphur Springs Union District

**William S. Hart Union High School District**

**Santa Clarita Community Day School**

**Castaic Union School District**

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Some Schools Closed

Santa Clarita Community Day School

Topanga Canyon Elementary

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District – Only Malibu Schools Closed

- Cabrillo Elementary
- Malibu High
- Malibu Middle
- Point Dume Marine Science Elementary
- Webster Elementary

**Los Angeles Unified School District – Only 1 School Closed**

- **Topanga Elementary**

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